

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Tara Ziolo et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
Examiner: Steven J. Cotroneo  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2009, please consider the remarks set forth below.

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